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Section D Categorical Exclusion (RFO/CX001 92) Determination

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Attached is a categorical exclusion (CX) for the following proposed action

South Interceptor Ditch Vegetation Burn

Please review the attached CX and indicate if you have no objection by signing in the space provided Please return a copy of the document to this office after it has been signed


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Attachment

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SECTION D DETERMINATION
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX) DETERMINATION RFO/CX001-92

Proposed Action South Interceptor Ditch Vegetation Burn

Location Rocky Flats Plant Golden CO

Proposed by U S Department of Energy Rocky Flats Office

Description of the Proposed Action

Rocky Flats Plant proposes to periodically burn accumulated dead vegetation from the South Interceptor Ditch (SID) to partially restore the drainage capacity of the ditch and avoid accidental overflow of spring runoff waters into Woman Creek. The SID was constructed in 1980 for the purpose of collecting storm water runoff from the south side of the plant and transmitting it to Pond C 2. Riparian vegetation accumulates in the ditch during the growing season reducing the volume of water that the ditch can transmit away from the plant to Pond C 2.

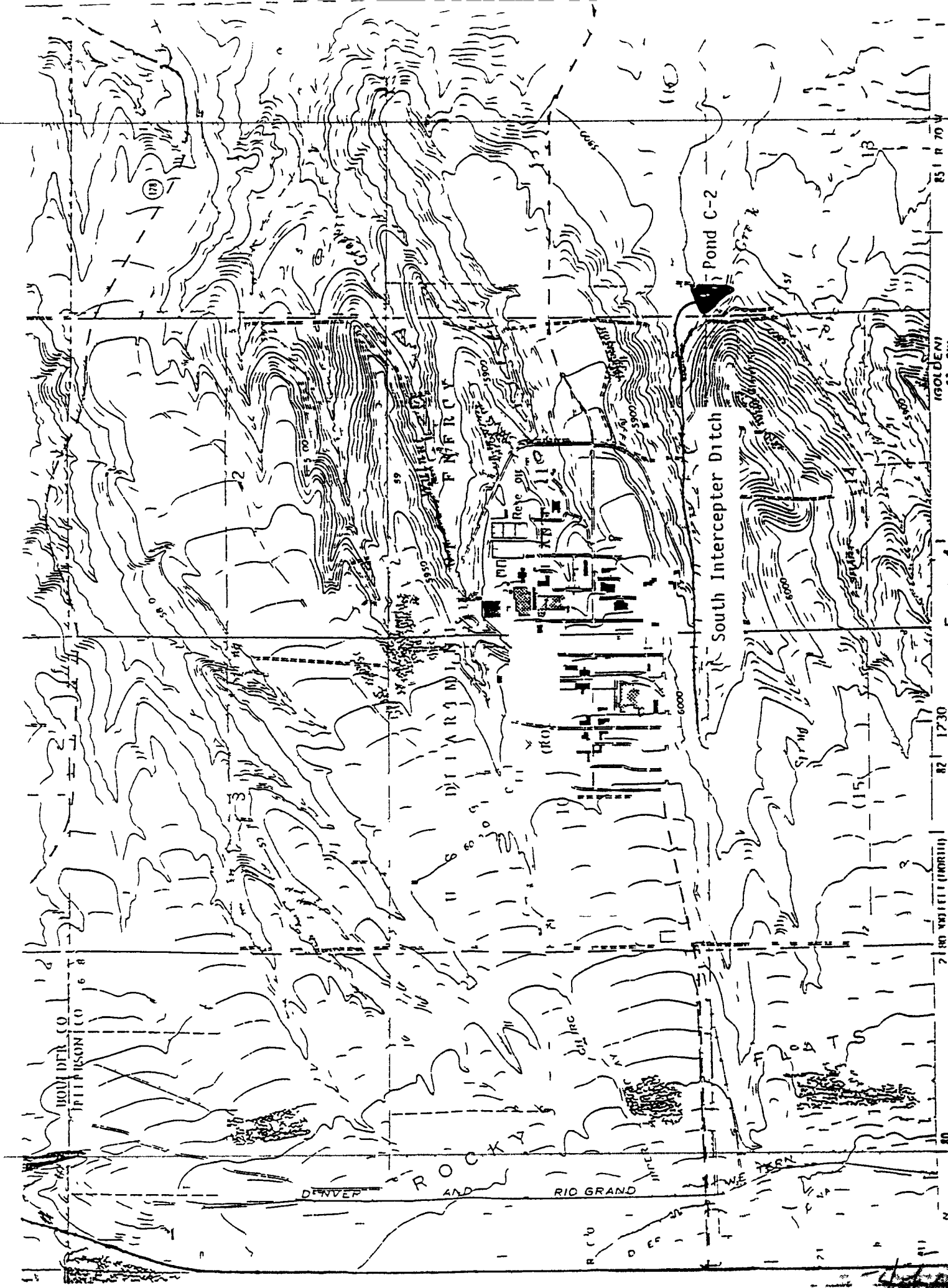
The vegetation in the ditch would be ignited using a flame thrower. No fuels would be added to the vegetation. The work would be performed under burn permits issued by the Colorado Department of Health.

Burning the vegetation during the dormant season is not anticipated to have any effect on the return of vegetative growth in subsequent years or to have any adverse impact on wetlands or floodplains. Discussion with the U S Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) is underway to determine whether the proposal would impact threatened or endangered species or their habitats. No work will be performed until approval is received from FWS.

Correspondence with the Corps of Engineers indicates that no Section 404 permit under the Clean Water Act is required for vegetative burning along the ditch. The SID would be routinely burned to keep it free of obstructing vegetation and therefore this activity does not require wetlands action notification through the Federal Register or preparation of a floodplain/wetlands assessment (see 10CFR1022.5(g)).

Categorical Exclusion to be applied

This activity is an action involving routine maintenance of a DOE owned or operated facility (DOE NEPA Guidelines 52 FR 47668)



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